United Nations A/70/1014–S/2016/702

General Assembly
Security Council

Distr.: General
12 August 2016

Original: English

General Assembly
Seventieth session
Agenda item 34 (b)
Prevention of armed conflict: strengthening the role of mediation in the peaceful settlement of disputes, conflict prevention and resolution

Security Council
Seventieth year

Letter dated 10 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on yet another Kremlin-manufactured provocation (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34 (b), and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Volodymyr **Yelchenko**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

16-14040 (E) 170816

Please recycle

Annex to the letter dated 10 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on yet another Kremlin-manufactured provocation

10 August 2016

Ukraine condemns in the strongest terms yet another Kremlin-manufactured provocation and rejects all accusations, which are completely groundless. Under a made-up pretext, the Kremlin is undertaking another hybrid special operation with the aim of justifying its future aggressive actions against Ukraine.

The concentration of Russian weaponry, armaments and military forces in the temporarily occupied territories in Crimea and Donbas as well as along the Ukrainian-Russian border is a cause of particular concern. This situation signals an imminent threat to the peace and stability not only in Ukraine, but also in the entire region. The occupying Power does not limit itself to daily shellings in Donbas, but also uses staged acts of sabotage in Crimea in an attempt to shift responsibility for its own destructive actions to Ukraine and our partners.

Ukraine resolutely and consistently condemns terrorism in all its manifestations. Against this background, it should be recalled that since the beginning of the Russian aggression against Ukraine in February 2014, thousands have lost their lives — both Ukrainians and foreign nationals — as a result of terrorist acts carried out with the financial, material and technical support of the aggressor State. In particular, it is worth recalling the downing of flight MH17 and the rocket attacks against Volnovakha, Mariupol, Kramatorsk and other peaceful Ukrainian cities and towns.

Ukraine urges the international community to take all possible political and diplomatic steps to exert influence on the Kremlin in order to prevent a new round of aggression against Ukraine and the ultimate disruption of the Minsk peace process by the Kremlin.